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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1911

Introduced by Assembly Member Eggman

February 11, 2016

An act to repeal and add Section 241.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to juveniles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1911, as amended, Eggman. Dual-status minors.

Existing law requires the probation department and the child welfare services department in each county to jointly develop a written protocol, as specified, to ensure appropriate local coordination in the assessment of a minor who is both a dependent child and a ward of the juvenile court. Existing law requires, whenever a minor appears to be both a dependent child and a ward of the juvenile court, the county probation department and the child welfare services department, pursuant to that jointly developed written protocol, to initially determine which status will serve the best interests of the minor and the protection of society.

Existing law authorizes the probation department and the child welfare services department in a county to create a jointly written protocol to allow the 2 departments to jointly assess and produce a recommendation that the child be designated as a dual status child, as specified. Existing law requires the protocol to include a plan to collect data, and requires the Judicial Council to collect and compile the data. Existing law requires the Judicial Council to prepare an evaluation of the results of

the implementation of the protocol, as specified, and to report its findings and any resulting recommendations to the Legislature within 2 years of the date those counties first deem a child to be a dual status child.

This bill would instead require the Judicial Council to convene a committee comprised of stakeholders involved in serving the needs of dependents or wards of the juvenile court, as specified. The bill would require the committee, by January 1, 2018, to develop and report to the Legislature its recommendations to facilitate and enhance comprehensive data and outcome tracking for the state's youth involved in both the child welfare system and the juvenile justice system, and would require the recommendations to include specified information, including standardized definitions related to these youth. The bill would also require the State Department of Social Services, on or before January 31, 2019, to implement a function within the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) that will enable county child welfare agencies and county probation departments to identify youth described above who are ~~residing~~ within their counties, and to ~~issue guidance instructions~~ to all counties on the manner in which to ~~track joint assessment hearing information completely and consistently for these youth. completely and consistently track the involvement of these youth in both the child welfare system and the juvenile justice system.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 241.2 of the Welfare and Institutions
- 2 Code is repealed.
- 3 SEC. 2. Section 241.2 is added to the Welfare and Institutions
- 4 Code, to read:
- 5 241.2. (a) The Judicial Council shall convene a committee
- 6 comprised of stakeholders involved in serving the needs of
- 7 dependents or wards of the juvenile court, including, but not limited
- 8 to, judges, probation officers, social workers, youth involved in
- 9 both the child welfare system and the juvenile justice system, child
- 10 welfare and juvenile justice attorneys, child welfare and juvenile
- 11 justice advocates, *education officials*, and representatives from the
- 12 State Department of Social ~~Services~~. *Services, county child welfare*

1 *agencies, and county probation departments.* By January 1, 2018,
2 the committee shall develop and report to the Legislature, pursuant
3 to Section 9795 of the Government Code, its recommendations to
4 facilitate and enhance comprehensive data and outcome tracking
5 for the state's youth involved in both the child welfare system and
6 the juvenile justice system. The committee's recommendations
7 shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

8 (1) A common identifier *for counties*~~may~~ *to use to reconcile*
9 data across child welfare and juvenile justice systems statewide.

10 (2) Standardized definitions for terms related to the populations
11 of youth involved in both the child welfare system and the juvenile
12 justice system.

13 (3) Identified and defined outcomes for counties to track youth
14 involved in both the child welfare system and the juvenile justice
15 system, including, but not limited to, outcomes related to ~~recidivism~~
16 *recidivism, health, pregnancy, homelessness, employment, and*
17 education.

18 (4) Established baselines and goals for the identified and defined
19 outcomes specified in paragraph (3).

20 (5) An assessment as to the costs and benefits associated with
21 requiring all counties to implement the committee's
22 recommendations.

23 (b) The State Department of Social Services shall, on or before
24 January ~~31~~, 2019, implement a function within the Child Welfare
25 Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) that will enable
26 county child welfare agencies and county probation departments
27 to identify youth involved in both the child welfare system and
28 the juvenile justice system who are ~~residing~~ within their counties
29 and shall issue ~~guidance instructions~~ to all counties on how to
30 ~~track joint assessment hearing information~~ completely and
31 consistently ~~for these youth.~~ *track the involvement of these youth*
32 *in both the child welfare system and the juvenile justice system.*